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June 3, 1965

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on June 3, 1965 at 5 p.m.

Members present were: Clarke County - Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall, Richard Bloodworth, Uly Gunn, Marvin B. Perry, Mrs. J.B.Neighbors, Mrs. Frank Dudley, and Miss Natalie Bocock: Madison County - J.K.Brookshire: Oglethorpe County - Hamilton McWhorter, Mrs. Emmet Cabaniss, Mrs.L.V.Chafin and Miss Frances Durham. Also present was Miss Sarah Maret.

Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall, chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members who were then asked to introduce themselves.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Communications were read. A memorandum dated May 27, 1965 from Miss Lucile Nix informed the members of the board that the McGraw-Hill Company is giving a set of their encyclopedia, the Encyclopedia of Science and Technology to nine libraries in Georgia who are in the Appalachian area. The Madison County Library in the Athens area has been chosen to receive a set. The official announcement is to come from Governor Sanders. Selection of the libraries to receive a set was made on the basis of the state book allotment for the county as well as the possible use of the encyclopedia.

A letter from Mr. Lee Pierson of Hutchins Cox and Stroud telling of a special library insurance policy which has been worked out with the American Library Association and the Hartford Insurance Company was read. A committee composed of Troutman Wilson, Chairman, Richard Bloodworth and Mrs. Hussey Downs was appointed by the Chairman to investigate the policy and to determine if we wished to secure it.

The Chairman asked for reports from members of the county boards represented. Information on what each county was doing to secure more adequate space for their libraries was sought as well as what plans had been made for the summer reading program.

Hamilton McWhorter reported that in Oglethorpe County a study had been given to the legality of their library board. It had now been worked out whereby all members were duly legally appointed. He said that after careful consideration of the Georgia Plan for use of Federal Funds for library construction their board had decided that they would not apply for federal funds but would use only local money for library construction and that they hoped to have minimum library quarters by the end of the year. He reported that the site which is available for a library building is just behind the court house.

Mrs. Chafin, Chairman of the Oglethorpe County Board reported that plans for the summer reading program had been completed and that they anticipated a good program.

Miss Maret reported that in Madison County enlarged quarters were needed badly but that no definite plans had been formulated. She also reported that an offer for other quarters had been to the library board in Oconee County, but that she was not sure if these quarters would be adequate to meet the needs of the library.

The librarians' report was given. Miss Maret said that within the last few months the library had lost three of its long-time staff members to the University of Georgia. Miss Frances Hunn left on December 1. She was replaced by Mrs. Martha Bryan who had formally worked with the Regional Library. Mr. Aiken, bookmobile driver, accepted work at the University and was replaced by Miss Margaret Ramsey. Mrs. June Cawthon resigned as of June 1 and Mrs. Tom Mahler has been chosen to work with the library during the summer months. It is with regret that we lose these valuable staff members to the University. She reported that one branch librarian, Mrs. Daniell of the Bogart Library suffered a heart attack on March 31 and had been on sick leave since that time. She said that she had been paid for the months of April and May and asked for a ruling by the board as to how long she should receive her salary. Mrs. Dudley moved that she be paid in full for the month of June. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Neighbors. Motion was carried with one dissenting vote.

Mr. Perry asked about one item on the April financial report. The Director explained that in order for Miss Charlotte Newton, a former director of the Regional Library, to get full credit for her years of service with the Teacher Retirement Program, the library had agreed to Miss Newton's paying the retirement fee necessary through the treasurer of the library.

It was noted by the Chairman that the Constitution of the Regional Library Board needed to be studied and brought up-to-date. She appointed a committee composed of Mr. Perry, chairman, Judge Oldham and Mr. McWhorter to the Constitution revision committee.

~~As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.~~

Mrs. Martha Bryan was introduced to the members of the board. She was commended on the attractive plans which had been worked out for the summer reading program.

A report of the work completed in the library garden was given by Mrs. Neighbors.

The question of the appearance of the garage in the rear of the library lot was brought up by Mr. Gunn. No action was taken.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Sarah E. Hunt
Secretary

July 13, 1965

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Tuesday, July 13, 1965 at 5 p.m. The following members were present: Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, Mrs. Robert G. Stephens, Jr., Mrs. Carlton James, B. Richard Bloodworth, and W.W. Wier. Sarah Maret was also present.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mendenhall who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the relocation of the Dunbar Branch Library due to the fact that the building in which the library is now housed is being demolished at an early date. A letter from Mr. Jack Wells was read. The library has received a proposal from Dr. and Mrs. Donarell Green offering to rent a part of the building at the corner of Hancock and Chase Street for use as a library. The rent was to be \$200.00 per month.

After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Bloodworth that we thank the Greens for their offer of the building, but that their quote of a rental price for the building is prohibitive and that we will be unable to accept their offer. He further moved that if a counter-offer is made that the Chairman and a committee appointed for this purpose be authorized to negotiate with the Greens. It was suggested that the rent should not exceed \$175.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wier. Motion carried.

The Chairman appointed a committee composed of Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Murray (librarian of the Dunbar Branch Library) and Miss Maret to secure a suitable place for the Dunbar Library.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Sarah E. Maret
Secretary

December 15, 1965

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Wednesday afternoon, December 15 at 5 o'clock.

The following members were present: Troutman Wilson, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, Mrs. Frank Dudley, Mrs. Carlton James and W.W. Wier. Also present was Miss Sarah Maret.

In the absence of the chairman, Vice-chairman Troutman Wilson called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Wilson reported on the re-location of the Dunbar Branch Library. He reported that the library had been moved on September 2 to the building which had been offered to the library by Dr. and Mrs. Donerell Green. This location is 1127 W. Hancock Avenue and is at the corner of Hancock and Chase. The entire second story of the building is being used for the library and the first floor of the building is serving as Dr. Green's offices. The rent with all utilities furnished (with the exception of the telephone) is \$150.00 per month.

Mr. Wilson noted that this was a good location for the Dunbar Branch Library and that its services to the public should increase. Miss Maret reported that she had tried to get a sign erected at the library, but that so far she had been unsuccessful. Mr. Wilson offered to call a sign painter if the one with whom Miss Maret is dealing does not show up.

Mr. Wilson said that the board should consider the recommendation of a representative of the Dunbar Branch Library to the City Council for appointment to the Library Board.

A communication from Miss Lucile Nix regarding the requesting of additional funds from the Special Library Fund was read.

Miss Maret reported that she would like to ask for funds to employ a Library Consultant to advise us on library housing facilities. It was moved by Mrs. Neighbors and seconded by Mrs. Dudley that funds be requested to employ a person to advise the board about the use of existing buildings in Athens for library purposes as well as to map plans for future expansion. Seconded by Mrs. Dudley. Motion carried.

Miss Maret reported that a leave of absence had been granted to Miss Alma Hughes on December 1, due to the serious illness of her sister which necessitated Miss Alma's absence from work. Mrs. Virginia Kidd has been working part-time in the bookkeeping department.

Miss Maret presented the budget for 1966. Mr. Wier moved that the budget be approved. Mrs. Neighbors seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Wier moved that the staff of the library be given a salary supplement for the month of December, the amount to be given to be on the same scale as last year. Motion seconded by Mrs. James. Motion carried.

Danah E. Thwait
Secretary